

A Message From Chief Justice Charles R. Johnson

The Boston Municipal Court Department is committed to conducting our operations in an environmentally responsible manner. We see ourselves as a dynamic team where our environmental stewardship leads to a world where all communities share in clean air, clean water, sufficient open space and wildlife species that are vibrant and thriving.

We are pleased that the Trial Court has formed the Energy Task Force and look forward to supporting this vital endeavor. I would like to thank all of the many volunteers who have chosen to serve as liaisons to the green team. Your willingness to serve the courts and the environment is commendable. I know that your limitless energy and enthusiasm will ensure the success of this initiative and inspire your fellow workers. Your spirit is infectious, and soon you will be sharing your thoughts and ideas on conservation with your coworkers, families and friends. This synergy will yield great results!

Of all the important work we do each day, perhaps this will be the work you find most personally rewarding.

When thinking about environmental responsibility, bigger ideas necessarily aren't better. There are many paths to going "green." I urge you to find creative ways

to make conservation, waste reduction and recycling part of your life at work and at home. Turning off lights when leaving the room, reusing scrap paper and riding public transportation are but a few of countless simple steps that we can take to minimize our impact on the environment.

President John F. Kennedy spoke of the “vulnerability of our planet” and said that

It is our task in our time and in our generation to hand down undiminished to those who come after us, as was handed down to us by those who went before, the natural wealth and beauty which is ours.

Please join with me in supporting the mission of the Energy Task Force as we adopt environmentally-sound practices in the Trial Court. It is my hope that one year from now, each court in the Trial Court will be reducing waste, operating with greater energy efficiency, and powered by a green team that keeps environmental responsibility at the forefront of our collective mind.